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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title: NANOCOMPOSITES WITH ACTIVATED INTERFACES PREPARED
BY MECHANICAL GRINDING OF MAGNESIUM HYDRIDES, AND
USE FOR HYDROGEN STORAGE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the present Application, Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified prior application be amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 4, lines 4 and 5, delete "in which A and x are defined as in Claim 3 and" and insert wherein A is at least one element selected from the group consisting of Li, Ca, Ti, V, Cr, Mn, Fe, Co, Ni, Cu, Zn, Al, Y, Zr, Nb, Mo, In, Sn, O, Si, B, C, F and Be, x is a number equal to or lower than 0.3 and z is a number comprised between - 0.3 to +0.3.

Claim 5, line 1, delete "any one of claims 1 to 4" and insert
--claim 1--.